

TAFT SAYS CHANGE NOW AND THEN IS GOOD FOR COUNTRY

Declares, However, That American People Have Much to Learn.

While deploring the "threatened departure from the principles of sound democratic, constitutional, representative government," President Taft, at the University Club dinner last night, admitted that he was not at all sure "that it is not good for the country now and then to change," and throw the Government to another party.

"The American people, great as they are, have a great deal to learn," declared the President, "and if that lesson comes with some degree of punishment for foolishness, the lesson will be longer remembered. If we don't know a good thing when we see it first, we may not know it later."

Interrupted by cheers from 600 enthusiastic university men, President Taft declared there was nothing personal in his remarks, and that he was neither pessimistic nor hopeful.

He asserted that he had merely attempted to point out in times past "dangerous tendencies of the present day in order to soften the experience" which comes as a punishment for a departure from the path of wisdom.

Given Key and Chain.
"I know the American character and I know the common sense of the American people, and if they are led astray from sound lines of policy for a time, I know they will come back again, and when they do, they will stay more permanently in that path."

President Taft, as former president of the University Club, was honored at the dinner in the Willard Hotel with a gold key and chain—the only key that exists for the University Club. It was "characterized not only as the key to the clubhouse, but likewise to the hearts of all its members."

"I came to my good job," began Mr. Taft.

"No, no, no," shouted 600 "old grads" and "young grads."

"Say only 'Auf Wiedersehen,'" shouted one.

"But I'll come back often," President Taft declared in reply. He assured the company that his pleasant associations and friendships in Washington and his appointment to the Lincoln Memorial Commission, were things that would bind him intimately to the University Club.

"That verdict, against which only Vermont and Utah protested, meant that I should not return permanently in an official capacity," declared the President with a smile.

Harvey Scores Socialism.

Of his coming duties at Yale, the President spoke in terms of joviality. John Temple Graves, editor of the New York American, as toastmaster, paid high personal tribute to President Taft. He declared for the spirit of culture in politics and was glad that the scholar is taking a foremost place in political life.

George Harvey, editor of Harper's Weekly, in a masterly address, urged the need of men of noble, cultured mind in the affairs of today. He took a sting at socialism as a system of mediocrity "which hates ability, resents competition, and invariably seeks undue advantage."

"That is the reason why Socialism is not an ideal state, but a morass of congealed inferiority, a resting place for sloth, a burial place for aspiration," he declared.

Senator John Sharp Williams took an optimistic view of the trend of American politics. Formerly, he declared, it was the university of today in a hotbed of Socialism and discontent.

Band Plays Yale "Boola."

J. Walter Lord had his audience in an uproar with a satirical address on "Young Age and Progressivism." Other speakers were Col. Myron H. Parker and Oliver Metzger.

The banquet furnished a gay evening. Until the toasts began, there came frequent snatches of college songs and organized singing of popular favorites. The dining hall bore banners of many universities and colleges. Facing President Taft was a miniature Capitol in white, lighted inside.

As a tribute to the President, the Marine Band played Yale "Boola" as he entered and then "America." George O'Connor, song leader, kept things lively with the assistance of 600 enthusiastic college men and a double quartet.

Officials to Attend

Dog Catcher's Funeral

Funeral services for John Wells, colored, "king of dog catchers," who died Thursday after a short illness, were held at his home, 42 Twentieth street this afternoon.

In point of service Wells was one of the oldest employees of the District government. For thirty-seven years he was employed in the District pound service and during that time, it is estimated, captured 45,000 dogs.

In all the years of his service, but one complaint was registered against him. In expressing regret at his death to Health Officer Woodward and H. C. McLean, chief clerk of the Health Department, said he was one of the most faithful men in the discharge of his duties ever connected with the District government. The honor of turning over the first shovelful of earth on the site of the new pound in South Capitol street was granted him by Health Officer Woodward. Wells was about seventy years of age.

A number of District officials attended the funeral services.

New Clan MacLennan

Shows Steady Growth

Clan MacLennan, No. 226, of the Order of Scottish Clans, which was organized recently, is showing a steady growth among the Scotch citizens of Washington. The chief aim of the clan is to foster love of Scotch principles among its members.

The officers of the new clan are: Russell M. MacLennan, chief; Alexander C. MacLennan, past chief; Alexander Robertson, taniat; J. D. Higgins, recording secretary; William Hall, financial secretary; Albert C. Smith, senechal; A. E. De Bolt, senior breuckman; James Crawford, junior breuckman; William Crawford, sentinel; Edward Monahan, warden; Dr. Herbert J. Bryson, physician; Charles Deucher, piper; James Allen, standard bearer, and James Ramsey, treasurer.

BIRTH OF LINCOLN TO BE CELEBRATED TUESDAY EVENING

Department of Potomac, G. A. R., Will Hear Addresses of Warriors and Statesmen.

In honor of the centenary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., will hold services in the First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets northwest, next Tuesday evening.

Addresses will be made by Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Senator Smoot of Utah, Congressman Towner of Iowa and Greene of Vermont, Major T. H. McKee, Col. John McElroy, and Department Commander Bloodgood, of this city. Invitations to attend the services have been sent to the United Spanish War Veterans, the Army and Navy Union, and other organizations.

In Charge of Event.

The committee in charge of the event are as follows:

Officers of the Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic: J. D. Bloodgood, commander; Thomas H. McKee, senior vice commander; the Rev. N. H. Miller, junior vice commander; Dr. Thomas Calver, medical director; the Rev. N. H. Holmes, chaplain; Osborn H. Oldroyd, assistant adjutant general; Francis L. McKenna, assistant quartermaster; Charles P. Benjamin, judge advocate; Charles M. Robinson, chief mustering officer; E. D. Godfrey, inspector; A. S. Perham, patriotic instructor; Charles R. Douglass, assistant; and B. F. Chase, chief of staff.

General committee—John McElroy, chairman; George H. Staybaugh, S. E. Faunce, Thomas M. McKee, O. H. Oldroyd, H. A. Johnson, Thomas Calver, Jerome F. Johnson, N. M. Brooks, Arthur Hendricks, E. R. Campbell, C. O. Howard, J. Tyler Powell, Gurnon R. Scott, J. K. Cleopon, and C. H. Worden. Reception committee—N. M. Brooks, chairman; A. H. G. Richardson, George E. Corson, Harrison Dingman, Samuel B. Burdette, W. H. Staybaugh, H. Hart, Newton Perrie, Ivory G. Kimball, Jerome B. Burke, William S. Odell, M. P. Pipes, P. Dinamore, Israel W. Stone, A. P. Tasker, John S. Walker, S. E. Faunce, Nathan Bickford, John McElroy, Thomas S. Hop, Arthur Hendricks, Calvin Farnsworth, B. F. Bingham, B. P. Entriken, Edwin H. Holbrook, George C. Ross, and H. A. Johnson.

Music Committee.

Music committee—Dr. Thomas Calver, A. P. Tasker, and S. E. Faunce. Committee on press and invitations—Col. John McElroy and George H. Staybaugh.

Decorations committee—O. H. Oldroyd, Jerome F. Johnson, and C. H. Worden. Committee on seating audience—Arthur Hendricks, chairman; Gurnon R. Scott, vice chairman, and the following members of Lincoln and William S. Cashier Camps, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.: B. S. Culbertson, S. L. Daugherty, W. E. Doble, W. H. Staybaugh, C. M. Goodrich, W. Grinstead, George A. Howe, C. H. Jenkins, Emil A. Lang, J. W. Lyons, O. A. C. Oehms, C. M. Overacker, J. W. Pearson, H. W. Rutledge, I. S. Taylor, Charles Van White, and W. F. Wolf.

Other Celebrations.

Senator William O. Bradley of Kentucky will be the principal speaker at the Lincoln Day observation at the National Training School for Women and Girls this afternoon at 2 o'clock. A program of solos and choruses by the students of the school has been arranged.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, an organization composed of both races, with branches in some fifteen American cities, will hold a large mass meeting at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Washington, February 11, at 8 p. m., to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this emancipation proclamation. The chief speaker will be the president of the New York branch, Dr. J. E. Spurgeon, formerly professor of comparative literature in Columbia University.

Lebanon Lodge to

Visit in Baltimore

Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, F. A. A. M., will pay a visit to Baltimore Lodge Wednesday evening, February 19. At the meeting last evening Charles S. Shreve, James Lansburgh, Blair McKenna, and others made addresses. A musical program was given by O. P. McCormack, J. S. Hicks, and the lodge quartet.

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Keystone Resident

RAPS GOVERNMENT'S DILATORY METHODS

C. G. Wilder Criticizes Red Tape Necessary to Obtain Anything From Postoffice.

A sharp criticism of the dilatory methods and the "red tape" found in certain branches of the United States Government is registered by Charles G. Wilder, of Batavia, N. Y., now in Washington.

"I am moved to criticism through the experience of Postmaster Kenne, of the little town of Coftu, in our country," he says. "July 18 last a fire swept through that village, destroyed the business section, including the building in which the postoffice was conducted. There was no available building which the postmaster could obtain within eighty rods of the railroad station. Railroads are compelled to deliver mails to postoffices within that distance of their station."

"Postmaster Kenne, in order that patrons of the office might not be inconvenienced, obtained quarters in the nearest building he could find. He moved the Government property, which had been saved, and promptly notified the Postoffice Department that it would be necessary to furnish funds for carrying the mails between the postoffice and the railway station, in the meantime guaranteeing the pay of the messenger whom he employed."

"September 16 an inspector was sent to Coftu, at whose suggestion Kenne asked formal authority to remove the office to the new site, and incidentally repeated his request for a messenger. December 2 the authority to move was granted. December 18 a new building had been erected on the old site and he moved back. At noon January 2 he was authorized to employ a messenger at the rate of \$120 a year beginning on that day, just two weeks after the building had ceased to exist. But between the date of the fire and the day that he moved back to the old site, exactly five months, he had expended \$20 for messenger service which the Government has not yet paid him, and which, if his last policy can be taken as a criterion, he will receive just about in time to get his next winter's supply of coal."

Student to Speak.

"Science vs. Art" will be the subject of an address by M. A. Posen, a student at George Washington University, at the Collegiate Club room, 129 Eleventh street northwest, at 8 o'clock this evening.

Taft Gets Peace Poem.

To commemorate the international peace luncheon held in New York city, January 4, Ida Houghton Cooke, of New York, has composed a poem entitled "Peace," and dedicated it to President Taft. It was received at the White House yesterday.

GOVERNOR SULZER SAYS ONE TERM'S ENOUGH FOR HIM

Declares He Wants to Retire to "A Little Farm by the Roadside."

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Governor Sulzer told his hosts of the Lotus Club last night that when he was through with his present job he intended to get out of politics. He had had about enough, he said gloomily, of the misrepresentations and disappointments of political life and strife.

"I shall retire to a little farm by the roadside," said the governor, "and be the friend of man."

In the confusion of sounds that followed this frank announcement voices sounded doubtfully.

"Pon my soul," murmured a gentlemanly looking man near the door, "that's the first time I ever heard anybody refer to the White House as a little farm by the roadside."

There were many others, however, who seemed to take the governor's word for it. In fact, the wind-up of the guest of honor's speech furnished a topic of conversation that survived after the last oratorical periods had burst around the chandeliers and the Lotus folk had bidden good night to their guests.

Following their custom of entertaining men who have done or who are expected to do big things in their various walks of life, the Lotus Club honored Governor Sulzer with a dinner which did not fall short of the high standard that the club set for itself many years ago. Frankness and wit and good humor and perfect courtesy were there and the color of a man's politics counted for less than nothing.

To meet the governor and to sit at table with him the club invited Asst. Gen. Henry De Witt Hamilton, Judge Edward E. McCall, chairman of the public service commission; Oscar Strauss, the Progressive leader; Don C. Selts, John Purroy Mitchel, president of the board of aldermen; Robert A. C. Smith, William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic national committee and Major R. G. Schermerhorn, the governor's military secretary.

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Out of Penitentiary;

Held as Housebreaker

Just out of the Leavenworth penitentiary, the police say, where he served a three years' sentence for housebreaking, John L. Swain, colored, was arrested on a similar charge again yesterday by Central Office Detectives Grant, Armstrong, and Portney.

It is alleged that several days ago Swain entered the home of William DeVaughn, 42 New York avenue northwest, and stole a graphophone suitcase, and a number of records. He denies the charge, but the detectives say he has been identified by a man who bought some of the stolen articles from him.

Swain was released from the penitentiary about ten days ago.

Longshoremen Vote

On Strike Proposal

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Twenty-five hundred longshoremen employed on the trans-Atlantic vessels sailing out of this port are in session today at their several headquarters, voting on a proposition for a general strike to commence tomorrow. It is said that the judgment of the officers of the trans-Atlantic steamship companies is for an adjustment and the agents of the unions also are said to be of a mind to compromise and meet the men half way.

The principal contention between the men and the companies is over the question of an increase in wages for handling general cargo from 25 to 35 cents per hour.

Gen. Lee Commissioned 48 Years Ago Today

Persons in Public Eye Have Birthdays Today

Gen. Robert E. Lee was made commander-in-chief of the Confederate armies on this day in 1862. On this date in 1783 Canada was ceded to Great Britain by France. On the same day, in 1842 the union of Upper and Lower Canada took place. Gen. John A. Logan, whose widow still resides in Washington, was born on this date in 1824. He died in this city December 28, 1901. Forty-three years ago today the United States Signal Bureau was established by an act of Congress. On this day, last year, the United States marines landed in Honduras to protect American property.

Other well-known persons whose birthday is today include Mrs. Patrick Campbell, English actress, forty-eight years old; George Ade, humorist, forty-seven years old; Congressman Lincoln Dixon, of Indiana, fifty-three years old; Congressman Horatio C. Claypool of Ohio, fifty-four years old, and Jake Kilrain, former heavy weight pugilist, fifty-four years old.

Charming Valentines

From Our Perfume Department

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Riker's Incentia—a beautiful perfume with a mysterious Old World fragrance. Bottle, in royal purple box, \$1.00, \$2.00.

Riker's Charmona—with a charming suggestion of an old-fashioned garden. A golden perfume in a gold colored package. Bottle, \$2.00.

Riker's Violet Excelais—like the fragrance of fresh violets, of which the refined gentlewoman never tires. Bottle in woody-green box, \$1.25, \$2.50.

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Treasury Writing Paper—50 sheets and 50 envelopes of excellent linen. Refined stationery for particular writers. Box, 29c.

Ivory Correspondence Cards—Correct for brief notes; 24 cards and 24 envelopes, in pretty box, 25c.